

Remarks

Applicants submit this Preliminary Amendment to assert new claims 20-25 that are broader than claims 14-19 as originally filed and that they are not limited to an air bubble massage bathtub mat having a plurality of flexible blocks but instead is directed to such a mat that includes a foam member sandwiched between the layers of the flexible member defining the plurality of air passages.

A check in the amount of \$45.00 is enclosed to cover the additional claims filing fee. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments as a result of the filing of this paper to our Deposit Account No. 02-3978 -- a duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

Applicants respectfully request consideration of this application including claims 1-19 that were previously submitted and new claims 20-25.

Respectfully submitted,
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